6. **Construction of the Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra (PBK)**

The objective is to commemorate the evolution and achievements of the India Diaspora. PBK would become the hub of various activities aimed at harnessing the talent pool among the Indian Diaspora and developing a sense of pride in the achievements of India and the Diaspora. This will also provide better work environment to the staff and better facilities to the general public.

7. **Celebration of Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas (PBD)**

The objective is to organize the annual PBD for creating a platform for bringing Overseas Indians from various countries together to share their experiences, and integrating it with the Country's development process. The projected outcome is to develop a bond and unity of purpose. Six Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas have been organized so far.

Attack on migrant youth

1176. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that life of Indian students in Victoria Australia has increasingly become unsafe with good number of attacks on migrant youth being reported;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps to protect the life of students so that they do not go for suicides and get rid of depression and other health problems;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Government is aware of the incidents of attacks on Indian students in Victoria.

(b) to (d) The High Commission of India, Canberra and the Consulate General of India, Melbourne have taken up the issue at the federal and State levels. The State Government of Victoria has put in place a number of measures including increased patrol in affected areas, security advice for students and constitution of a Monitoring Committee to address the problem. For the specific protection of students working as taxi drives, measures such as security screen between the driver and the passenger and a system of pre-paid fares during night have been introduced.

Mechanism to protect Indians Overseas

†1177. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an appropriate mechanism for the semi-skilled and poor rural overseas Indian workers to save them from exploitation and protect their interests;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.